

I would like to voice my opposition to the BellSouth petition. I feel that granting the petition would seriously impact the ability of independent (of large phone companies) ISPs to continue to provide internet service. Several years ago, after carefully researching the pricing and services available by both large phone companies and ISPs, I chose to have my internet DSL service with an independent ISP. If the petition is granted, and as a result, if phone companies make it hard for independent ISPs to deliver internet connectivity to end-users, then choice and quality of service will suffer.